

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An antimicrobial composition which is active against bacteria, yeast and mold spores, consisting essentially of, by wt.

- (a) 40-60% of a 1,2-diol, and selected from the group consisting of 1,2-pentanediol, 1,2-hexanediol and 1,2-octanediol;
- (b) 40-60% of a phenoxyethanol; and
- (c) 0-10% of a co-biocide selected from the group consisting of sorbic acid, benzoic acid, dibromodicyanobutane, iodopropynyl butyl carbamate and 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one.

2. An antimicrobial composition according to claim 1 in which (c) is sorbic acid and/or 1% iodopropynyl butyl carbamate.

3. An antimicrobial composition according to claim 1 wherein (a) is about 44% and (b) is about 56%.

4. An antimicrobial composition wherein (c) is sorbic acid, present in an amount of about 5-7% of the composition.

5. An antimicrobial composition of claim 1 wherein (c) is iodopropynyl butyl carbamate present in an amount of 1.25-1.50%.

6. An antimicrobial composition of claim 1 wherein (a) is 41-42%, (b) is 52-53%; and (c) is sorbic acid of 5-7%.

7. An antimicrobial composition of claim 1 wherein (a) is 43.3; (b) is 55.3; and (c) is iodopropynyl butyl carbamate of 1.4%.

8. A personal care product including the antimicrobial composition of claim 1.
9. A personal care product of claim 1 wherein the antimicrobial composition is present in an amount of 0.1-2% by weight of the product.
10. A personal care product of claim 1 wherein said amount is 0.5-1.5%.